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Editor's note: The following story is based on Helen Hayes' campus lecture, given in late fall as part of the WSU Lecture Series, and an interview with her the day following her appearance.
by Linda Smith

Many in the audience were of her generation—a generation that witnessed the first automobiles and airplanes, World War I, the roaring '20s, Hollywood and, of course, Hollywood's first film stars. Many in the audience were much younger and never knew her in her earlier years. As the auditorium lights began to dim, the diversified crowd hushed with anticipation. They had come to hear a legend speak. And, they wouldn't be disappointed.

Helen Hayes walked out on stage—petite, dignified and enchanting. Winner of two Tony awards and two Oscars, she wore an elegant, deep-blue dress and a necklace with a cross-shaped opal and diamond pendant, given to her by her friend, actress Lillian Gish. Her silver hair was pulled loosely back from her face. The audience gave her a standing ovation as she smiled, her eyes rivaling her pendant for sparkle and fire. Shaking her head slowly, she thanked Walter Rhodes, assistant professor of theatre arts, for his flattering introduction. "I'm a tough act to follow," she said. The audience loved her; the evening's tone was set.

"I'm here, because I love to communicate. I love to meet new people and want to share an adventure together. How and why do I do it? The truth is, I love it. I do what I want. The world is my stage, and I feel part of my responsibility is to give back as much as I can to people. I've been preparing for old age all my life. Old age is not something to be staved off or denied, but something to be achieved. I have a nice family, friends, a career and good health. My devout wish is that all should reach 88 and enjoy life as much as I do."

Hayes says the most important thing we can give youth is an appreciation of the performing arts. "I congratulate Wright State, because you have a school of the arts. We must have a growing command of the performing arts. It's part of being alive. The challenge to our teachers is tremendous. They must teach students to master a craft, pursue it and achieve something meaningful and compelling. I have a great deal of faith in regional and college theater.

First lady of American theater graces WSU stage



Helen Hayes

Photo by Roberta Monnin

The theater puts man in communication with his own soul. The theater is about reaching for the stars."

She remembers reaching such a pinnacle on stage in Columbus, Ohio. "Something extraordinary happened that night. I felt a fierce spiritual experience while playing Mary Queen of Scotland. Wherever she was, Queen Mary Stuart

probably said, 'She's been playing that part all wrong. I'll go down and set her straight for this performance.' After my performance, there was absolute silence."

Following that performance, she left by the stage door and entered the alley. A large crowd of waiting fans parted, applauding as she passed. "This was an experience I will always remember. Those things

About the cover

Academy Award-winning actress Helen Hayes, long recognized as The First Lady of American Theater, opened the 1988-89 WSU Lecture Series. She has performed in more than 30 countries and has won two Oscars and two Tony Awards. Her story is on page 1.

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don't happen that often, although actors try to capture such moments for every performance."

In contrast, she was embarrassed during another performance of the same play in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In the scene, she was being held by the actor who played her husband. "I wore an elaborate wig with pearls all woven in the coronet braid. I was struggling to get out of his grasp and started to run across the stage. I got about two steps away and discovered I had left my wig hanging on one of the decorations on his costume. It was swinging like a pendulum! We eventually finished the scene in high emotion. We were all laughing. The Pittsburgh press reported I had been stricken with a seizure in the middle of the act, and nobly came out to finish with one of my greatest performances. This was one of the few times I've ever had cause to be grateful to the press."

Hayes says her experiences in life and in show business have been easier to handle, because, "I think I was born with a positive attitude. I consciously strengthened it—and my faith—when I was faced with the tragedy of losing my daughter to polio when she was 19. I've always worked on and tried to strengthen my natural optimism in life."

Unlike many actors, Hayes maintains she has had all the roles

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Gordon directs E. J. Brown project

Dr. William M. Gordon has been appointed executive program officer in the Office of Educational Leadership, College of Education and Human Services.

As executive program officer, Gordon directs the cooperative education project between Wright State and Dayton Public Schools at the E.J. Brown magnet school and will oversee other special development projects. He holds faculty rank as a professor of education.

Before coming to WSU, Gordon was in private law practice. He also served as professor of education at the University of Botswana in Africa.



WSU prof's book explains risks for beginning investors

Would you like to invest in stocks but are afraid of the risks?

Explaining risks and opportunities to beginning investors is the goal of a book by Dr. Lawrence J. Gitman, Finance, and Dr. Michael D. Joehnk, Arizona State University professor of finance.

Investment Fundamentals: A Guide to Becoming A Knowledgeable Investor, is an easy to understand primer for those just starting the investing odyssey.

The book shows how to "do the numbers" to decide if an investment is worthwhile.

Bonds, stocks, options and mutual funds are just the tip of the investment iceberg covered in the book. A few of the topics are:

- Investing's role in your life
- What's needed for a successful investment plan
- You and your broker
- Understanding the markets
- How to analyze common stocks
- Tax-sheltered investments
- Monitoring your portfolio to meet your goals.

The book provides the tools to compare investments and make decisions based on your own financial situation.

Winter commencement exercises held

Wright State University conducted its 21st semiannual commencement exercises at the UD Arena, with more than 1,288 students eligible to receive degrees.

President Paige Mulholland presided at the winter graduation ceremonies.

The WSU Alumni Association presented the sixth annual Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award to Dr. Robert F. Rockwell, a professor of biology at the City University of New York and honorary research associate of ornithology with the American Museum of Natural History.

Upcoming events include presentations by Vereen and Assad brothers

Ben Vereen, acclaimed for his performances on Broadway, screen and concert stage and for his support of humanitarian causes, will talk about the "Black Experience in the Performing Arts" on Tuesday, February 21, at Wright State University.

Vereen will replace Louis Gossett Jr., who had been scheduled to speak at Wright State but canceled his appearance because of a pending movie contract.

Vereen's early Broadway stage roles in "Hair" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" were followed by his lead in "Pippin," for which he won a Tony Award and a Drama Desk Award.

In 1978, the American Guild of Variety Artists awarded Vereen the unique honor of being the first simultaneous winner of "Entertainer of the Year," "Rising Star" and "Song and Dance Star." Vereen played the quintessential entertainer in the finale of the movie, "All That Jazz."

On television, Vereen played Chicken George in the Emmy Award-winning mini-series "Roots." His own network special, "Ben Vereen—His Roots," won seven Emmy Awards. He co-starred in the NBC-TV series "J. J. Starbuck," and also appeared regularly on the ABC series "Webster."

Vereen will be followed on Wednesday, March 1, by one of today's foremost classical guitar duos from Brazil, Sergio and Odair Assad. The brothers have gained a worldwide reputation for their technical virtuosity and sensitivity. Their first American recording in 1985 was designated by *Ovation* magazine as a "Recording of Distinction." They will appear as part of the WSU Artist Series.

Tickets for the performances may be purchased by calling 513/873-2900.



WSU men's basketball on radio, TV

After a 10-year hiatus, WONE-FM radio returns to carry all Wright State men's basketball games, home and away.

Broadcasting all regular-season games on radio will be the team of Greg Gahrns and Tom Michaels. Gahrns will also host the pre-game show with head coach Ralph Underhill.

Seven Wright State games will be telecast on WRGT-TV. Long-time sportscaster Tom Hamlin will do the play-by-play, while former Raider basketball standout Mark Vest will be the analyst. Vest completed his career in 1986 and stands second on the all-time scoring list with 1,559 points. He is currently employed by Arthur Andersen & Co.

For the third year, "The Ralph Underhill Show" can be seen in prime time, one-half hour before the start of the televised games on channel 45. Gahrns returns as host of the show.

Check radio and television listings for broadcast dates and times.

Director of labor- management center named

Dr. Dan DeStephen, Wright State University associate professor of communication, was appointed director of the WSU Center for Labor-Management Cooperation. The center was established to support local labor and management efforts to improve communication between employees and management. The center plans to focus its efforts this year on working with in-plant joint committees and identifying common problems facing labor and management.

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New trustee named

It is a lofty position, but Walter R. Bennett, vice president and general manager of the Systems Engineering Division of Sequa Corp., is down-to-earth about his recent appointment to the Wright State University Board of Trustees.

"I don't look at it as an honorary position," he said. "I look at it as an opportunity to work and contribute. Of course, it is an honor, but I expect to work very hard at the job."

Bennett, who joined Systems Engineering Division six years ago after retiring as a colonel with 29 years of service in the U.S. Air Force, has served as community adviser to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for the past year. He will serve a nine-year term on the board.

Works by alumni featured at art show

The Wright State University Art Galleries will present the first showing of works by WSU alumni from Feb. 19 through March 15 in the Creative Arts Center. Sculptures, paintings, prints, drawings and photographs by eight graduates will be exhibited.

Those whose work will be included are Michael Rogers (1984), Dennis Schmalstig (1983), Richard Carey (1973), Jeff Smith (1983), Robert Aselage (1970), Alan Staiger (1977), Pat Dahlman (1975) and John Benton (1976). All graduated with a bachelor's in fine arts.

"We're all very proud of the alumni who will be showing. With the level of dedication I've seen, it wouldn't surprise me if some of them would go on to at least the level of regional recognition," said David Leach, chair of Art and Art History.

The "Works by WSU Alumni" showing will open with a reception on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Another exhibit, "Contemporary Chinese Works on Paper," will open and run consecutively with the alumni show. For more information, call 873-2973.



Uphoff appears on NBC's "Sunday Today" program

NBC's "Sunday Today" program recently featured Wright State University's Dr. James Uphoff, professor of education. Uphoff was interviewed by "Sunday Today" show co-host Maria Shriver. The subject was the pressure on parents and their children to start schooling early.

Uphoff's research, conducted in 1982-85, shows that starting children in school too early can harm them and can create problems that frequently last a lifetime.

Uphoff is very vocal about what he sees as a great disservice to the children of America. His research indicates that the younger children are at an enormous disadvantage, no matter how bright they are. "Being bright, and being ready for school, are not the same thing," Uphoff said. "Because of the emphasis on teaching more and sooner, kindergarten children are required to sit still for extended periods of time. Many youngsters, both physically and emotionally, are simply not ready to do this."

At this age, having a few less months for physical and emotional development than their classmates can make the difference between handling classroom experiences successfully or not. "When a child begins, for the first time, to experience success, his or her entire self-image changes," Uphoff said. "It can make all the difference in the world." Similarly, he said, not experiencing significant successes can damage a child's self-image.

Regardless of their intellectual readiness, children under age 5-1/2, he said, are too often not physically, socially or emotionally ready for school. Among the problems which can result from this, he said, are a higher failure rate in school, discipline problems, diminished leadership abilities and a higher instance of learning disabilities.

Uphoff said that the evidence shows that older children tend to earn more above-average grades than younger classmates, regardless of IQ levels. In a study he did of 278 students, kindergarten through sixth grade, in Hebron, Nebraska, in 1982, he found that the early-starting summer children made up 75% of their school's failure rate, whereby none of the children who were held back a year so they could start school at a later age, failed a grade.

"Starting school before children are developmentally ready," Uphoff said, "denies them their vital need to play. Play for four- and five-year-olds is their work, and, without it, later problems may develop. I believe that, out of ignorance and a desire to give our children a head start in school, we may be doing great harm to them. I want to see children avoid problems and enjoy a successful educational experience and a successful life."

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she ever wanted. "I was never a yearner. I was launched in the theater so early that I just obediently did what I was told to do as a child. By the time I got a choice of plays, I was old enough to know what I wanted."

Coincidentally, her stage career ended when she was 72, in the place where it had begun at the age of six, in Washington, D.C. She was in the third week of rehearsal for *A Long Day's Journey into Night* at the National Theater. "I had a terrible asthma attack, which I had had pretty regularly. For years, I had these voice problems, losing my voice and so on, and breathing problems. It was all considered to be colds or laryngitis and things like that. I went to the hospital with this terrible asthma attack and had a high fever. The doctor said, 'Now that I have you in my power, I'm going to take some tests. I think I know what ails you.' " He discovered she was highly allergic to the dust and mold commonly found in a theater.

"I'll tell you what his horrible words were: 'If you want to enjoy a few more years in this world, you will never step inside a theater again.' That's a pretty fearsome statement, isn't it? I knew they were sold out for the three weeks I was going to do the play. I pondered this on my bed in the Providence Hospital, and then I went back and did the play. I thought, 'If you are going to die, you'd better die with a clear conscience, not knowing that you'd let somebody down. I've never done that. I finished the play and never went back to the theater again.' She did, however, remain active in television, film and radio, and she has written five books.

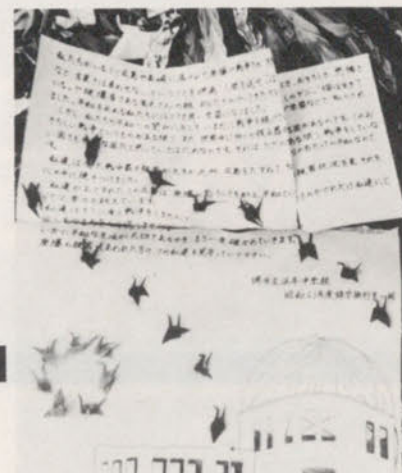
Although she enjoys live appearances, she says she won't make many more. "I don't like the packing and traveling." She spoke at eight colleges in 1988, including Wright State. "I have a home in Mexico where I spend the winter. I'm just going to go there and be lazy now."

George Bernard Shaw best expressed her philosophy, she says, when he wrote: "I want to be thoroughly used up when I die; life is no brief candle for me." These words have fed my courage," she says, "so that I dare come out and stand here tonight on this stage."

Asked how she wants to be remembered, she replies without hesitation, "Pleasantly." ■

"... I have come to realize that both America and Japan are unique in their own right, and both countries have much to give each other."

—Teresa Mott



Child's drawing and paper cranes, laid on a memorial at the Hiroshima Peace Park.

"What keeps coming back to me are how different so many things were and the friendliness and warmth of the people—also how much appreciation they had for people from the United States. This was especially true in my host family in Takano-cho." (Carol Pokorney)

"Even though I enjoyed the whole trip, I think the Peace Park in Hiroshima meant the most to me." (David Davenport)

"My experiences in Japan have given me so much. The shrines have given me a sense of tranquility, and my home stays, a taste of Japanese life. Hiroshima has served as a reminder of the horrors of war and the importance of peace." (Kris Vier)

"The Japanese people seem to accept each other as people without passing judgment on how they act or look or on what they know. The rest of the world should take note of this example." (Rob Leonard)

"I greatly enjoyed learning the Japanese traditions, such as the flower arranging, the tea ceremony, the calligraphy and the dancing—and mostly, I enjoyed sharing these traditions with the Japanese people. Another highlight of the trip for me was spending time with the Japanese children and students—from dancing together at the Tanabata Festival, to exchanging songs with the Junsei Junior High School students." (Karen Kerwin)



Photos by Carol Siyahi

"A walk through the woods at Takahashi Castle." (William Burson)

"I feel that the most endearing aspect of this country is its people. Their patience, understanding and desire to accommodate our needs are most greatly appreciated and admired. The fine qualities of the Japanese people were certainly exemplified during my home stay experiences, and I can honestly say that these lessons in kindness and hospitality will not soon be forgotten." (Pete McConnell)

Journey takes students to land of the rising sun

by Carol Siyahi

When I think back to this summer, when a dozen Wright State University students, one other advisor (Dr. Lewis Shupe) and I made a journey halfway around the world to Japan, a wave of memories floods back.

The memories that remain the longest, though, the ones that linger and stick, are those of the Japanese people—hospitable, generous and kind, and incredibly interested in Americans.

In late June, the WSU student ambassadors group made a 15-hour flight across the northern Pacific to Tokyo to participate in a month-long exchange program through WSU's sister university, Okayama University of Science.

The program, which includes exchanges to China and Brazil as well, is one of the ways Wright State University is meeting one of its stated objectives as outlined in its *Strategic Plan*, which is to foster an international perspective in the education of its students.

The journey to Japan was to challenge and change us. It was to be a journey filled with adventure, poignancy and laughter.

In Japan, we were not alone. Our Japanese hosts were always with us, as were 30-some lively Brazilians from WSU's sister university in Paraná, Brazil.

Throughout the month of July, we studied and participated in special programs in Okayama and Takahashi City, lived on campus and with two different host families and saw much of southwestern and central Japan, from small-town and rural communities to major cities. We ate raw fish and MacDonaldo's (you guessed it: McDonald's) hamburgers,



Wright State University students Ana Paula Borges Delgado, Asha Patel and Staci Pepitone (left to right) wear kimonos provided by people from the village of Miwa, Japan.

were awed by a student martial arts demonstration and by the skill of a calligraphy master, laughed with our friends and "keepers" from Okayama's international staff and cried at Hiroshima.

Following are some of the Wright State students' impressions, as well as one from Dr. Shupe. We asked each of them what meant the most to them. These are excerpts from what they said.

"I have found that Japan is a land of striking contrasts. This country is a leading force in modern technology, yet the Japanese people continue to embrace traditional values and pleasures in their everyday lives. . . . My experiences in Japan have given me an understanding of the importance of blending traditional

customs and modern ideas in a stable society." (Denise Bohn)

"These are a few of my favorite things: The country itself is beautiful, and the lectures and tours were very informative. But . . . the point of being here is experiencing Japan through the Japanese, and that is my favorite part—the people." (Asha Patel)

"Sleeping on the floor." (Ana Paula Borges Delgado)

"I valued the host family experience, because I could be part of their experience and observe how they actually live. The families were so accepting. . . . I learned more than just about Japan. I learned about the nature of people—it reinforces your faith in people." (Staci Pepitone)

"It is very difficult to tell of one favorite memory. If I had to choose, though, it would be the discussions I had with my home stay families. In learning and exchanging information about the similarities and differences in our two countries, I have come to realize that both America and Japan are unique in their own right, and both countries have much to give each other. We are becoming very close neighbors, and our peoples are the key to friendship and goodwill. My wish is that our countries learn from each other and capitalize on the best that both countries have to offer." (Teresa Mott)

"The opportunity to study and live with people of another culture has enhanced my appreciation for and involvement in my own discipline, and it has expanded my thinking in a humanistic, creative manner. The trip to Japan was not merely a trip to a foreign country. The year-long preparation, the participation while in the country and the processing of experiences with the participants offer a stimulating and viable learning model. It also was a visual and contemplative experience." (Dr. Lewis Shupe)

Medical school's new dean prescribes positive future

by Mark Willis

The barrios of Mexico City are not a traditional stopping point on the career path that leads to being a medical school dean. It does not appear on his curriculum vitae, but Stephen R. Kaplan, M.D., vividly remembers walking the streets of Mexico City a year after the devastating earthquake of 1985. The next dean of Wright State University School of Medicine says the experience focused his personal philosophy and orientation toward medicine.

"I visited some of the poorest neighborhoods in the city with Dr. Fernando Mora, who was dean of medicine at the Autonomous Metropolitan University in Xochimilco. He showed me the university's community-based system for medical education. His faculty and medical students had set up 'clinics' in the streets, in lean-to's and tiny rooms off of alleys, to meet the overwhelming needs of people who were still homeless a year after the earthquake," Kaplan recalls.

"People in the barrios were living in corrugated boxes and plastic tents. The Mexican government was doing what it could, but there was no one to take care of people when they were sick. So the medical school responded."

"Catharsis is a rich word," Kaplan continues, "but it describes how I felt. People who saw themselves as health care deliverers were working hard to meet an immediate social need. It reminded me why I became a doctor."

Identifying and meeting community needs are essential elements in Dr. Stephen Kaplan's vision of the future for Wright State University School of Medicine. He was appointed as the school's third dean in September. He comes to Wright State from the Brown University Program in Medicine, a community-based medical school in Providence, Rhode Island.

Kaplan believes a medical school should be an active partner in the community. "A community-based school exists in many geographical areas, not just on the main campus," Kaplan says. "I think Wright State has the right environment to meet many of the challenges that medical education will face in coming years. I think the community here wants a medical school that it can contribute to—and not just financially. People in the community can share a broader social perspective with our medical students."

One challenge, according to Kaplan, has been termed the "unbundling" of medical education.

The traditional academic medical center, and most other hospitals, have become sites for "high tech, acute care medicine." As the health care delivery system continues to undergo rapid change, more and more medicine will be practiced outside the traditional hospital setting.

"The challenge is keeping medical education relevant when the sites that have traditionally provided most of the education are changing," Kaplan explains. "A community-based school like Wright State has an advantage in staying relevant, because its educational sites will parallel the evolution of the community's health care system."

Medical education also needs to address the challenge of unmet community needs, according to Kaplan. "There is talk about there being too many doctors, about too much money being spent on the health care system, yet there are still major unmet problems," he says. "How do we do a better job of working with minority groups that have traditionally been underserved? How do we provide high-quality health care to rural communities? How can we better organize health care to meet the needs of our aging population?"

Kaplan believes that a community-

intensive or community-oriented approach to medical education may yield workable solutions to some of these problems. The approach brings together a health care team, including medical students, residents, practicing physicians and other professionals. The team takes responsibility for the general health needs of a definite, identifiable population, such as a town or a neighborhood. Factors such as the rate of infant mortality or of various diseases are identified and measured. Then the team sets manageable goals for improving the community's overall health status.

"Medical schools in Third World countries have adopted community-oriented training, but it's a relatively new idea here," Kaplan says. "The approach emphasizes the development of multidisciplinary teams, which Wright State University as a parent institution is well-suited to do. It also leads students to look for the broader context, instead of just treating each disease as it comes along. When they see something for the third time, they'll have a community commitment to figuring out what the underlying problems are."

Kaplan believes the WSU School of Medicine, in part because of its community-oriented approach, has

the resources now to begin to meet the challenges of the future. In the 1920s and 1930s, a group of medical schools embraced the new biomedical science, and they emerged 50 years later as the leaders in academic medicine. As the health care delivery system changes in the next 25 years, medical schools throughout the country will be challenged with finding the best ways to educate primary care physicians. "Another group of schools will emerge as the leaders in this," Stephen Kaplan says. "I believe Wright State School of Medicine should seek to be one of those schools."

The ability to synthesize information from a broad range of sources is a quality that characterizes the best primary care physicians, according to Kaplan. He or she must also be an effective communicator who can explain the complexities of medical technology to the patient and the patient's family. "The primary care physician must be an ombudsman, a facilitator, a supporter of the patient," Kaplan says. "Above all else, the physician must be very competent in the basics—assessing the patient through history taking and physical examination."

"The fulfillment of being a primary care physician is not just in treating the illness. It's the special privilege of being there to respond to people, in a broader sense, to know people," he continues. "Over time, the most interesting part of practicing medicine is the special relationships with patients, enjoying and appreciating them as people."

"It's one thing to aspire to be Ben Casey, a miracle worker saving a life a minute in the hospital. But most doctors, most of the time, are really doing the less dramatic things that enable people to maintain and increase their independence. By independence, I mean the individual's sense of self-worth, self-integrity, self-sufficiency."

When he looks back on the process that led to his selection as the next dean at Wright State, Kaplan says one of the most exciting moments was meeting the students. "I was impressed by the pride they have in themselves, in their education and in being part of a medical school committed to excellence in training primary care physicians. Everyone on the faculty and in the community who has had a part in this accomplishment should be commended." ■

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Stephen R. Kaplan, M.D.

Graduate makes list of 27 leading Americans

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Betty L. Schmoll

by Linda Smith

Wright State University alumna Betty L. Schmoll, executive director of Hospice of Dayton Inc., joins Muppets creator Jim Henson, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and former U.N. representative Jeane Kirkpatrick on the list of 27 leading Americans recently cited as Alumni of the Year. They were recognized for superior endeavors by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), in Washington, D.C. Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White and Bynhild Haughland, North Dakota state representative, were named the grand winners in the public service category.

Schmoll was nominated for the award by the WSU Alumni Association because of her outstanding public service work as executive director of Hospice.

She obtained a bachelor's degree from WSU in 1975 and a master's degree in community and family health from The Ohio State University. She also holds an associate's degree from the Kettering College of Medical Arts.

"While attending undergraduate school at Wright State, I learned that my mother was terminally ill," Schmoll said. "During the course of a year, my mother and I searched for relief from her illness. As I accompanied her from doctor to doctor and hospital to hospital, it occurred to me that there must be a better way to serve terminally ill patients."

According to Schmoll, it was very difficult for her to handle the situation, even though she was a registered nurse at the time. "I believe family members involved with a terminally ill person need almost as much help and emotional support as the patient does," she said. "The year my mother was ill was a taxing experience for my mother, for me and for my family."

Several years after her mother died, Schmoll served a practicum at Hospice of Dayton. She did this in 1978 as part of her graduate work. Later that year, during the organization's infancy, she became the executive director.

"Because of my experience with my mother, I was interested in Hospice. It offered continuity of care for the terminally ill patient and support for the family, that also undergoes a great deal of strain. Hospice is special, because it provides a team approach to caring for patients," Schmoll said.

In 10 years, Hospice of Dayton has become one of the top five hospice programs in the nation serving terminally ill people and their families. The National Hospice Organization, which oversees 1,600 programs around the country, calls the Dayton organization "one of America's model programs."

Recently, construction began on a new facility that will eliminate the costs of leasing and travel between the two current Dayton locations. The new building will improve management efficiency and will provide a centralized and accessible location for patients, families, doctors and staff. Just as important, it will provide an atmosphere most conducive to patient care, according to Schmoll.

The facility also will address the needs of unserved groups: patients who need day care because their caregivers are employed, and those who have no caregivers and need a place to live.

Schmoll and the organization she directs have accomplished a great deal during the past decade. She was the 1986 recipient of the WSU Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. She was named one of the *Dayton Daily News* 10 Top Women in 1981 and received the Distinguished Nurse Leader Award from the Ohio Nurses Association in 1987. In addition to presenting guest lectures and workshops, Schmoll is an active member of the American Nurses Association, the Ohio Nurses Association Council of Nurse Researchers and the Midwest Alliance in Nursing. Committees and boards she serves on include the National Hospice Organization, the Cancer Control Consortium and the United Way of Dayton Homecare Task Force.

"My success is due in large part to my education at Wright State and my varied experiences as a nurse," Schmoll said. "My career illustrates the many opportunities available to students who decide to pursue nursing." ■

Recently, construction began on this new Hospice facility.



by Darin Cain

President Bush. Say it aloud once. President Bush. How's it sound? Competent? Awkward, perhaps? Now, roll it around your tongue a bit, and let your political taste buds have a nibble. Taste like a sweet tart or a jawbreaker? Wholesome as mom's apple pie or as uninspiring as yesterday's rice pudding? Take your time; there's no rush. In truth, you have four years to decide whether to swallow it or not.

Unfortunately, the rhetorical wrappings and trappings of negative campaigning and the prepackaged marketing extravaganza of the presidential and vice presidential debates, left many people longing wistfully for a Dragnet's Joe "Just The Facts" Friday approach to relevant issues. It didn't happen. And now that the American public has made a clear presidential choice, the question still remains—what should we expect from a President George Bush over the next four years? In response to this question, five faculty members of Wright State University's Department of Political Science and Department of Economics offered some interesting analyses and speculations.

Adept at distinguishing platform substance from platform subterfuge, the faculty showed a consensus of opinion during separate interviews concerning the Bush administration. All of them foresee a more active, less right-wing president and administration, especially in foreign policy, than we've experienced over the last eight years; an increase or creation of new taxes or fees, despite Bush's promise to the contrary; and a notable shift in power away from chief of staff toward the secretary of state.

According to Dr. James Jacob, chair and associate professor of political science, Vice President Bush subordinated himself to President Ronald Reagan's view of the world out of loyalty. As president, however, Bush is expected to step slightly left of Reagan's "tall-in-the-saddle" right-wing shadow.

"The Reagan of 1980 was a product of McCarthyism and fear of communism during his days as president of the Actors' Screen Guild," he said. "It should be recalled that he had his wife Nancy investigated before he would marry her. There were three women with the name Nancy Davis in Hollywood at the time, and one was reported to be a communist."

The Bush presidency— Faculty make predictions



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By 1987, he was no longer the Reagan of his first term in office. "His views on foreign affairs became more moderate," Jacob said. "As president, Bush will be more sensitive to international affairs, because he is coming to the office without the ideological cargo that Reagan did."

Jacob pointed to three crucial areas inherited from Reagan's eight-year presidential reign, which the Bush administration will be forced to address. 1) He must deal critically and soberly with the budget. Bush cannot continue to fund the Department of Defense, specifically the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), without increased tax revenues. 2) Bush must deal well with the international trade deficit, especially with Japan, through stronger economic management. Bush, when campaigning against Reagan in 1979, called Reagan's initial economic policy "voodoo economics" and was proven to be correct. 3) He must forge a better relationship with our neighbors—with Canada in terms of our trade agreements and with Mexico on issues of drugs, oil and the free, democratic election process.

"Bush's promise, his potential in history, is to succeed in taking the radical right wing out of American foreign relations. We cannot be held hostage to ideology. It is in the bipartisan interests to rise above it," Jacob said.

Dr. Donna Schlagheck, assistant professor of political science and head of the international studies major, also expects Bush to assume a more active role in foreign affairs than Reagan did.

"There will certainly be more action in United States' foreign policy, whereas Reagan exerted himself in domestic affairs and was reactive or passive—far too passive for a superpower," Schlagheck said.

The important question is whether Bush will surround himself with strong people—people who will be capable of analyzing the changes evident in the Soviet sphere of interest and the shifts and fluctuations occurring in the Middle East. The PLO has declared themselves an independent, sovereign state and indirectly recognized Israel, and the war between Iraq and Iran has come to a close—stalemated because the superpowers have stopped supplying them with weapons, she noted. Bush and his new administration must be prepared for another major shift in the Middle East, Schlagheck said.

Bush's appointment of James Baker as secretary of state, coupled with John Sununu as chief of staff, constitutes an important shift in power. Baker will have direct access to the president without being channeled through the office of the chief of staff—a hindrance which considerably weakened the efficiency of President Reagan's secretaries of state. It is essential to have a prominent head of state like Baker, Schlagheck added, because the diplomatic agenda is so lengthy and changing.



Dr. Charles Funderburk

Equally important, is dealing in a positive way with the budget deficit. Stressing the economic situation, Dr. Charles Funderburk, associate professor of political science, feels that Bush has put himself in an interesting political dilemma.

"I doubt very much that he will be able to steamroll an economic program, as Reagan did in 1981," he said. "Where will he make his expenditure cuts? The Democrats will suggest cuts in things that Bush wants to protect, like the Strategic Defense Initiative. It would be ludicrous for the Democrats to ask for higher taxes since they believe Bush will be forced to concede those hikes within a year and a half or two years."

Dr. Robert Premus, professor of economics and a member of the U.S. Joint Economic Committee from 1981-84, concurred.

"In spite of his campaign rhetoric, Bush has got to exercise a bipartisan approach, appealing to both parties on the deficit problem, so that he won't be tagged as going back on his word of not raising taxes. If he can initiate the Budget Deficit Reduction Program within a year, we will avoid a recession or experience only a "slowdown" recession. If not, we'll have a problem," Premus said.

Essentially, Bush sees himself as carrying out the Reagan agenda, except that he will be dealing with the problems left behind by the

Reagan administration—the monolithic twin deficit problems of the budget and trade. If he can cut government spending, thereby reducing the interest rate by 2 percent, it could lower the \$150 billion budget deficit by \$55 billion, Premus said.

According to Dr. James Walker, associate professor of political science, one area in which Bush may continue the Reagan agenda is in making new appointments to the Supreme Court. During his double-term presidency, Reagan made three



Dr. Robert Premus

new appointments to the Supreme Court, and it is not beyond the scope of possibility for Bush to make several more Supreme Court appointments.

Currently, of the nine members comprising the Supreme Court, Justices Brennan, Marshall and Stevens are generally considered liberals, and Brennan and Marshall are expected to retire soon, Walker said.

Walker suggests that President Bush's new appointments to the Supreme Court will be moderate conservatives, whom the present Democratic Senate will be comfortable in accepting. The Supreme Court may cede more power over sensitive issues to the individual states. One such issue would be abortion. In that case, states like Utah and South Carolina would be likely to rule against freedom of choice, whereas others, like New York and California, would keep the status quo.

The five WSU faculty members who offered their opinions agree, there's little for the American public to do but wait and see what the "Bush Years" have in store. As Funderburk remarked, "Now that the inauguration is past, maybe we can put aside all this symbolic flag-waving and extraneous malarkey, and begin to address the serious problems of government." ■

Wright State student competes for Olympic gold

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by Rosina Sokolnicki

From a self-described "really weak" 12-year-old who found his inspiration in martial arts movies, to a contender on the U.S.

Olympic *tae kwon do* team, Wright State University's Luong Pham realized an eight-year quest when he fought for the gold in Seoul, Korea, in September.

"I wish everybody could have an Olympic experience," Pham said recently. Although he missed participating in the parade of athletes at the opening ceremonies, due to his event being scheduled the same day, teammates who were there told Pham that they got chills marching in.

"I got chills just watching it on TV there. You can't describe the feeling in words," Pham said.

Tae kwon do, a Korean martial art that involves a lot of kicking, made its first appearance as an Olympic sport this year. Pham describes it as Korea's national sport, almost a passion.

There was no seeding for the *tae kwon do* matches, and the luck of the draw turned out to be no luck at all for Pham. The top three *tae kwon do* fighters in the world met in the first-round, four-man bracket. A second-degree black belt, Pham faced Italian champion Geremia Di Costanzo and Korea's Tae Kyung Ha, recognized as the top *tae kwon do* flyweight in the world.

Pham won the U.S. national championship in 1984, 1986 and 1988 as a flyweight. He became a *tae kwon do* champ in 1985 and 1986 at the Olympic Sports Festivals, bronze-medal winner at the 1986 World Cup games and National Collegiate Champion representing Wright State in 1986 and 1987. In 1984, Pham won the gold medal at the Pan Am *tae kwon do* championships. Although Pham broke his leg at the 1986 Pan American Games, he won the bronze medal. Unable to compete during most of 1987, Pham kept on training and entered the first Olympic team tryouts as a "wild card" entry.

Pham said he was tired before his first match in Korea's crowded ChangChung Gymnasium, but excited and ready to fight. He beat

Di Costanzo in the first of the three-minute matches, but sustained an injury to his shin. An hour and a half later, Pham lost to Ha, 3-2. Ha went on to win the Olympic gold.

"After the hit to my head from Ha, I knew I had lost it. I think I stopped after we clinched, then backed off. That's when I got the kick to the head." But, Pham said, "I'm ready to fight him next time."

The 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, will be the next time for the 20-year-old Kettering resident and 1986 Fairmont High School graduate. To remain a contender, Pham will need to enter, and win national and international competitions. To do so, Pham must train day in and day out with local *tae kwon do* master Y. C. Kim, his coach from the beginning.

The grueling training, traveling and competitions leading up to the 1992 Olympics will temporarily sideline finishing his degree at Wright State. Pham's 1989 plans include competitions in Egypt and collegiate matches in Japan, where he again will represent Wright State University.

"The '92 Olympics will be my second and last," Pham said. "Although I don't regret any of the time I've invested in the sport, I still feel finishing school is important."

Pham is one of six children of Hiep and Oanh Pham. The family lives in Kettering and owns and operates a Vietnamese restaurant in Wilmington. They immigrated to the United States from Vietnam in 1975. At the time, Pham was six and his father was an officer in the South Vietnamese air force. They fled Vietnam by boat during the Communist takeover of Saigon.

Pham's brother, Dinh, is a sophomore at Wright State. His sisters include Thuy, a senior at The Ohio State University; Thai, a junior at Fairmont High School; and Hau and Virginia, eighth and seventh graders, respectively, at Kettering Junior High.

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—Luong Pham



Sealand's teaching shows blend of history and interpretation

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by Rosina Sokolnicki

History becomes more than just a colorful parade of people dressed in different costumes for students in Dr. Judith Sealander's classes at Wright State.

Her classes strive to convey an understanding of the intellectual apparel of those who people our past that interests Sealander and has gained her recognition as an associate professor of history at Wright State. Her teaching specialties include U.S. 20th century history, U.S. social and intellectual history, labor, business and women's history.

According to Sealander, students sometimes come into her classes thinking history is a boring memorization of dates. "I try to present them with a different definition of history—history as a vehicle through which to explore major questions about political, social and economic change," Sealander said of her teaching philosophy.

"I often give students copies of two historical documents that make conflicting statements, and I ask them to be the historian," Sealander said. "What really happened? There isn't just one final version of the history of anything that will last forever. History is a fluid discipline where interpretations keep changing."

Her infectious combination of enthusiasm and expertise won recognition this year when she won the 14th annual WSU Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence. She was nominated for the award because of her teaching techniques and concern for her students' success in the classroom.

"She possesses and uses inspirational educational methods that transmit a wide array of facts, and she places them in a context that will stay with the student for a lifetime," writes a student in one nominating letter for the award. "She is not only an expert in her field of history;... she is a genius in the techniques of education.... A Sealander lecture is, in a way, a story colored with the rich complexities which are our legacy."

Sealand also was named "History Professor of the Year" by the WSU chapter of Phi Alpha Theta in 1984, and again in 1988, and won a merit award for outstanding teaching from the College of Liberal Arts that same year.

In college, Sealander considered a law career, but decided on the life of a college professor, which, for her, would combine the best of two possible worlds: that of teacher and scholar. She hasn't regretted her decision.

"Academic life gives you more independence in determining what your work will be: what research you do, how you run your classes."

Before joining the WSU faculty in 1979, Sealander was an assistant professor at Kansas State University, a lecturer at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a Charles Sydnor Fellow at Duke University, where she earned her doctorate.

The author of many books, articles and professional papers, she now is at work on book manuscripts dealing with multinational corporations in the 1930s and a survey of population planning in American history. She also consults with the U.S. Department of Labor and is

preparing a script for a PBS program on transitions in the Ohio workforce from production to service industries.

Sealand's enthusiasm extends to another part of her world, gardening at the Wegerzyn Garden Center. She has grown basil by the bushel, tomatoes and hot peppers, enough to make gallons of pesto sauce. It's no surprise that she likes to cook, sometimes in large batches.

An iris fancier as well, she plans to reestablish her iris garden after a recent move, trading and collecting new and exotic varieties through the mail.

She is also a fan of early and baroque music and shares her home with Enoch, a whippet whose namesake is historical figure Enoch Crowder, the first director of the U.S. draft during WWI and the topic of Sealander's master's thesis. ■

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"Yes—Virginia," Pham said, acknowledging the jarring difference in names. "She was born in Nevada," he explained, laughing.

The entire family was caught up in the excitement generated by Pham's involvement in the Olympics. "They had a lot of fun with the Olympic profile NBC filmed at home and at the restaurant," Pham said. His father and brother, along with master instructor Kim, went to Korea to root for Pham.

After his matches, Pham caught much of the other Olympic action and spent time shopping and getting to know many Korean athletes. He enjoyed meeting other U.S. athletes, including diver Greg Louganis, winner of two gold medals.

"The Koreans treated the U.S. *tae kwon do* team like kings," Pham said. "They were happy, helpful and generous. We communicated with hand gestures a lot, but since I had Korean friends with me when I went out, I seemed to get along better than some others."

Pham felt chills again at the closing ceremonies. This time he was there in person, sharing in the happy confusion.

"When the torch was put out, the flame went out slowly. And I thought: this Olympics is done, and I'll have to wait another four years to have the opportunity to be in it again.... It was great being there!" ■



CLASSNOTES

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Pete Cheadle (B.S.B. Accountancy 69) is vice president of finance at Miami Valley Publishing.

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Pamela S. Hartman (B.S. Education 71) is a director at New Way at the Clark County Juvenile Center.

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Jean Long (M.Ed. 74) has been teaching for more than 30 years. She teaches fifth graders at Whittier Elementary School in Dayton. She recently was recognized with an award for teaching excellence. She also owns her own bridal consultant business.

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Susan Baumann (M.Ed. 75) taught in Franklin, Ohio for 13 years. She now has her own business in Columbus, Ohio. She works from a photo or from people coming to see her to create a Cartoon-o-Gram of the person that becomes part of their personalized stationery. This creative idea for stationery was written about in *The Columbus Dispatch* newspaper.

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Gerard Hiland

Gerard Hiland (M.A. Archival and Historical Administration 81) was ordained a Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in 1985. He has served as director of historical archives for the Archdiocese the past five years and as associate pastor of Christ the King Parish in Cincinnati for the past three years, until moving to St. Martin Parish in Cheviot, Ohio as associate pastor.

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Graduate suits up with the Phillies

by Darin Cain

As children, most of us dream of growing up to be just like our personal hero or heroine—perhaps an astronaut, a ballerina, a Wall Street wizard or a baseball player. Whatever the childhood aspiration, the stuff of which dreams are made often dissipates in the hard face of reality—often, but not always. WSU graduate Rory Metcalf, a freelance writer and avid baseball fan, had the opportunity to live her dream playing baseball with The Philadelphia Phillies, and grabbed it.

During baseball's off-season, when many of us have replaced baseball mitts for winter mitts, many professional baseball teams offer their fans, for a fee, an opportunity to play baseball with professional players in Florida. They call it Dream Week.

Fortunately, one doesn't have to be in major league shape to play ball during Dream Week—perhaps that's part of the dream.

"I'm the first to admit I've never been accused of being athletic and, prior to my Dream Week experience, I had never played organized baseball in my life. After spending a few afternoons at the Astoria Batting Range near my home in Queens, NY., I discovered my natural baseball talent lies in 'getting drilled' by the ball, instead of drilling it," Metcalf said.

But that didn't dissuade her, and soon she was listening to Phillies' pinch-hitter Tommy Hutton deliver the keynote address on her first day of Dream Week.

During the opening game on Monday, Metcalf decided to display her forte' by fouling the ball off homeplate and into her forearm and mouth.

Tuesday, she was drafted by Doyle's Hell on Wheels team, managed by former Phillies second baseman Denny Doyle. "By mid-week," Metcalf said, "it became painfully apparent to each of us that whatever we did to prepare for a week of playing ball and however long we spent doing it, it wasn't enough. It took a reservation to get a table in the trainer's room, where the special was groin pulls. We were all living on dreams, adrenaline and anti-inflammatories."

After the game on Friday, Bill Callaghan, one of the clubhouse workers, mentioned to Metcalf that her locker was home run king Mike Schmidt's during spring training. Hearing that news, she peered through her locker stall, and wondered if any home runs would rub off from Schmidt on her bat.

Saturday was the Dream League teams' world series against former Phillies' stars. Each team played a three-inning game against the pros. Apparently, Mike Schmidt's locker donated a little slugging magic to Metcalf's bat, after all. "I smacked my only base hit of the week," Metcalf said, "making my post-season batting average a perfect 1.000!"

What better way to end Dream Week than by getting a hit and performing the one major league skill all baseball heroes and Dream Leaguers do equally well? "After the game, I autographed a young fan's mushy, stained baseball just like the best of them," Metcalf said. "The week was one I'll never forget."



Gary Giles

Gary Giles (B.A. Communication 86) is Wright State University's sports information director. He is responsible for disseminating information about the 15 WSU intercollegiate athletic teams, compiling and editing news releases, sports brochures and game programs and responding to media inquiries.

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For WSU Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team members Pam Stewart (WSU alumna) and Julie Webb, being selected to play with the U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team at the Paralympics in Seoul, South Korea, was the thrill of a lifetime. Only eight wheelchair basketball teams for women exist nationwide. One of the eight is the WSU team on which Stewart and Webb trained. "Being selected to represent the U.S. was a great honor," Stewart said. The U.S. team won their first gold medal in international competition, defeating West Germany 38-31. Stewart and Webb attribute much of their success to WSU coach Dan Byrnes.

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